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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A display device, comprising:
a unitary, rigid sheet comprising
a left center panel,
a right center panel,
a spine panel arranged between and pivotally connected
to both said left and right center panels,
a left side panel pivotally connected to said left
center panel and having a smaller width than a width of said left
center panel, and
a right side panel pivotally connected to said right
center panel and having a smaller width than a width of said
right center panel,
said sheet being formed from opposed front and rear,
substantially planar layers of material connected by parallel
ribs to define cavities, said rear planar layer having vertically
extending separation lines and said front planar layer including
a vertically extending fold line opposite each of said vertically
extending separation lines, said vertically extending separation
lines and said vertically extending fold lines being formed
between adjacent ones of said panels, said front planar layer
having a portion on each of said panels which is substantially

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flat such that when said panels are not folded about said vertically extending fold lines, a flat surface is provided for the display of objects across all of said panels,

said rear planar layer having at least one horizontally extending separation line to separate said sheet into vertical sections and enable said vertical sections to pivot about a horizontal axis and a fold line opposite each of said at least one horizontally extending separation line, and

wherein the width of said left side panel is such to enable said left side panel to be positioned entirely alongside said left center panel, the width of said right side panel is such to enable said right side panel to be positioned entirely alongside said right center panel, and said spine panel has a width smaller than said left and right center panels and which provides for a separation between said left and right center panels upon inward pivoting of said left and right center panels sufficient to accommodate the thickness of said left and right side panels when said left and right side panels are positioned alongside said left and right center panels, respectively.

2. (Currently Amended) The display device of claim 1, wherein said vertically extending separation lines are parallel to one another and separate said panels from one another along

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said rear planar layer and enable said panels to pivot about vertical axes.

3. (Currently Amended) The display device of claim 1, wherein said vertically extending separation lines extend vertically from a lower edge of said sheet to an upper edge of said sheet.

4. (Currently Amended) The display device of claim 3, wherein corners of said rear planar layer defined by said upper and lower edges and said vertically extending separation lines are rounded.

5. (Currently Amended) The display device of claim 1, wherein said vertically extending separation lines each constitute a cut in said rear planar layer.

6. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The display device of claim 1, wherein said vertically extending separation lines each constitute a crushed, elongate portion of said rear planar layer which is melted onto said front planar layer.

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7. (Currently Amended) The display device of claim 2, wherein said vertically extending fold lines define the vertical axes about which said panels pivot.

8. (Currently Amended) The display device of claim 1, wherein said vertically extending fold lines are scored.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The display device of claim 1, wherein said ribs extend vertically and said vertically extending separation lines are cuts formed between adjacent ones of said ribs.

11. (Previously Presented) The display device of claim 1, wherein said ribs extend vertically.

12. (Previously Presented) The display device of claim 1, wherein said ribs extend horizontally.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) The display device of claim 1, further comprising attachment means for maintaining said sheet in a

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folded, compact configuration with planar surfaces of said panels facing one another.

15. (Previously Presented) The display device of claim 14, wherein said attachment means comprise one of hook and loop-type fasteners arranged on a planar surface of said left side panel and the other of hook and loop-type fasteners arranged on a planar surface of said right side panel facing said planar surface of said left side panel when said sheet is in the folded, compact configuration.

16. (Original) The display device of claim 1, further comprising attachment means for enabling said sheet to be attached to another similar sheet.

17. (Withdrawn) The display device of claim 16, wherein said attachment means comprise one of hook and loop-type fasteners arranged on at least one of said panels.

18. (Previously Presented) The display device of claim 16, wherein said ribs extend vertically and said attachment means comprise pegs insertable into individual ones of said cavities along upper and lower edges of at least one of said panels.

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19. (Withdrawn) The display device of claim 1, further comprising an additional unitary, rigid sheet substantially coextensive with said sheet.

20. (Original) The display device of claim 1, wherein said sheet is corrugated.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) The display device of claim 1, wherein said spine panel, said left and right center panels and said left and right side panels are dimensioned to enable an outer surface of said left side panel to be brought proximate an outer surface of said right side panel when said panels are in an inwardly folded configuration so that said left and right side panels are attachable to one another.

23. (Previously Presented) The display device of claim 1, wherein said left and right center panels have the same width.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Cancelled)

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26. (Currently Amended) The display device of claim 1, wherein said sheet is corrugated and said vertically extending separation lines are formed parallel to the corrugation.

27. (Currently Amended) A display device, comprising:
a unitary, rigid sheet comprising
 a left center panel,
 a right center panel,
 a spine panel arranged between and pivotally connected to both said left and right center panels,
 a left side panel pivotally connected to said left center panel, and
 a right side panel pivotally connected to said right center panel,

 said sheet being formed from opposed front and rear, substantially planar layers of material connected by parallel, vertically extending ribs to define cavities, said rear planar layer having vertically extending cuts and said front planar layer including a vertically extending fold line opposite each of said cuts, said vertically extending cuts and said vertically extending fold lines being formed between adjacent ones of said panels, said vertically extending cuts being formed between adjacent ones of said ribs, said front planar layer having a portion on each of said panels which is substantially flat such

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that when said panels are not folded about said vertically extending fold lines, a flat surface is provided for the display of objects across all of said panels,

said rear planar layer having at least one horizontally extending separation line to separate said sheet into vertical sections and enable said vertical sections to pivot about a horizontal axis and a fold line opposite each of said at least one horizontally extending separation line,

wherein a width of said left side panel is such to enable said left side panel to be positioned entirely alongside said left center panel, a width of said right side panel is such to enable said right side panel to be positioned entirely alongside said right center panel, and said spine panel has a width smaller than said left and right center panels and which provides for a separation between said left and right center panels upon inward pivoting of said left and right center panels sufficient to accommodate the thickness of said left and right side panels when said left and right side panels are positioned alongside said left and right center panels, respectively.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A display device, comprising:
a unitary, rigid sheet comprising

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a left center panel,
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to both said left and right center panels,
a left side panel pivotally connected to said left
center panel, and

a right side panel pivotally connected to said right
center panel,

said sheet having opposed front and rear, substantially
planar layers of material, said rear planar layer having
vertically extending separation lines and said front planar layer
including a vertically extending fold line opposite each of said
separation lines, said vertically extending separation lines and
said vertically extending fold lines being formed between
adjacent ones of said panels, said front planar layer having a
portion on each of said panels which is substantially flat such
that when said panels are not folded about said vertically
extending fold lines, a flat surface is provided for the display
of objects across all of said panels,

said rear planar layer having at least one horizontally
extending separation line to separate said sheet into vertical
sections and enable said vertical sections to pivot about a
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one horizontally extending separation line,

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said sheet being corrugated and said vertically extending separation lines being formed parallel to the corrugation,

wherein a width of said left side panel is such to enable said left side panel to be positioned entirely alongside said left center panel, a width of said right side panel is such to enable said right side panel to be positioned entirely alongside said right center panel, and said spine panel has a width smaller than said left and right center panels and which provides for a separation between said left and right center panels upon inward pivoting of said left and right center panels sufficient to accommodate the thickness of said left and right side panels when said left and right side panels are positioned alongside said left and right center panels, respectively.